

WASHINGTON.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE.

Proceedings in the Senate and House, Railway and Steamship Mail Service, Etc.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The House met at 10:30 and proceeded to the consideration of the post office appropriation bill. Connor, of Illinois, opposed the amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole, yesterday, authorizing the Postmaster General to remit in favor of the Colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales, so much of the cost of overland transportation of Australian closed mails as he may deem just. This amendment would enable the Postmaster General to exercise discretion in letting the mails for England pass through the United States without any charge against the government of Great Britain.

The House then proceeded to vote upon the amendments. The first amendment, on which a separate vote was demanded, was that authorizing the Postmaster General to use \$50,000 of \$9,400,000 appropriated for railway mail service to obtain and secure from railways necessary and special facilities for postal service. The amendment was adopted, yeas 101, nays 69.

The next amendment was that known as the "money" amendment which is as follows: All star routes shall be relet after thirty days advertisement, as now provided by law, on the 1st of October, 1880, on which pay for expedition of schedules ordered during the fiscal years of '79 and '80 shall exceed fifty per cent of the contract price before such expedition, provided that this proviso should not prevail when the present contractor desires to continue the contract. The amendment was adopted, yeas 101, nays 69.

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TERRIBLE TORNADO.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE MARSHFIELD CYCLONE.

A Former North Carolinian Loses His Wife and Twenty Thousand Dollars Worth of Property.

MARSHFIELD, MO., APRIL 28, 1880.

Editor Tarboro Southern:

Being an old resident of Tarboro and other places in Eastern North Carolina, and having received several letters of anxious inquiries as to our safety during the recent terrible cyclone that laid in waste our beautiful little city, I know of no means by which I can reach our friends than through your columns.

On Sunday afternoon (the 18th inst) our little city of fifteen hundred inhabitants was a happy and contented place, but in one moment it was a whole town, with the exception of fifteen or twenty houses, was swept out of existence. Whole families were killed. Many children were made orphans, wives lost their husbands, and husbands lost their wives. The heart-rending screams of mothers and children, and the wailing of the bereaved, leave the memory of those who were present and witnessed the horrible sight.

With a sad and broken heart I attempt to write this letter. I myself suffered a loss that can never be effaced from memory. A happier family than mine, and one that enjoyed a happy home never lived. Myself and wife, with our four little children, ranging in age from eighteen months to eight years of age, were all present. I was retired for the night, when people, men, women and children—congregated running to and fro, in the midst of the screaming with fright and before we had time to get our children dressed, our house was leveled to the ground, and we were all scattered in all directions. A better woman never lived. She was a native of Abingdon, Va., and had several relations living there. My father, Mr. W. W. Moore, was a native of North Carolina, had just time to reach our house and give the alarm before the cyclone struck.

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INHUMAN BRUTALITY.

A COLORED MOTHER GIVES BIRTH TO A FULLY NATURED CHILD.

She Beats its Brains out With a Light-wood Knot While Playing in the Field.

Tabasco Southern.

On Wednesday last week, about 2 P. M., the community in the Swift Creek neighborhood, in this county, were greatly shocked by the inhuman brutality of a colored mother, whose name was Martha Bullock. She was plowing in a field owned by Jno F. Speight, when, according to the witness before the coroner's jury, she was seen to pause occasionally, lean over her plow for a short time, and then resume her plowing.

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DAILY NEWS

SAT. DAY, MAY 8, 1880.

GEO. C. JORDAN, Editor and Proprietor

SOME dissatisfaction is being expressed at the manner in which admission tickets to the coming Chicago Convention are being distributed. It is charged that the committee having charge of the tickets intend to pack the hall with third tier seats, but then this charge may come only from those who have been disappointed in getting tickets.

ONE of the leading planks of the Liberal platform in England is a reduction of the expenses of the country. It is said that Gladstone, who has the reputation of being the leading financier of Europe, hopes to be able to reduce the interest charge of Great Britain by replacing the 3 per cent consols with a 2 per cent loan. Such a change would have an extraordinary effect on all the money markets of the world. It would certainly effect the United States advantageously by increasing the value of our bonds and bringing a large amount of British capital to this country.

SAN FRANCISCO has shown an unexpected manhood on the impeachment of its mayor, the infamous Kallack. That manhood was woefully degraded when the young, energetic, adventurous population of the great city of the Pacific coast, submitted itself to the domination of a mob, and accepted as its ruler, a man spewed out even by the corruption of the olden East for an offence, intolerable to social decency. The civilized world would have pardoned San Francisco if it had applied this course to the new offenders.

WHEN the present Conservative government of Canada went into power a new tariff bill was framed greatly increasing the duties on all imports, and it was announced that the revenues of the Dominion would be greatly increased in consequence. The result, however, has been different from that predicted by the Conservative political economists, and a heavy deficit will occur this year. The Canadian government has been seeking for a remedy for some time, but can find no other than a large issue of paper money, with which the country will be flooded, in the hope that these greenbacks will abolish "the hard times" in Canada, and stop the flow of emigration to the United States.

THE bill introduced by Mr. Robbins at the last session of Congress on the subject of a tariff on sugars, has been adopted as his own and introduced by Gen. Gibson of Louisiana during the present session. That bill, and the speech of Mr. Robbins showed an amount of research and knowledge on a very abstruse mercantile point that astonished those who knew Mr. Robbins only as a lawyer, a politician or as a stump speaker. In the speech there is a profound knowledge of the subject discussed, remarkable in any one, strikingly so in the case of one who was supposed to have paid little attention to the question which is one generally assigned to the representatives of large commercial cities or great manufacturing interests. By far more light was thrown into the discussion of the speech and the investigation of Mr. Robbins than from any other source; and whatever favorable modifications may be made in the sugar tariff, may trace back their origin to his efforts.

THE British courts have decided that clubs have absolute power over their members whenever the proceedings are in accordance with the by-laws and the decision has been given a fair opportunity of explaining his conduct. If, after this, expulsion is decided on, the decision is final, and the courts will sustain it, except where the decision has been reached through fraud, personal hostility or bias. The latest case that has been brought before the courts has been that of a Mr. Skipton, who was a member of the Hanover Club and the Naval and Military Club. He had invited a Mr. Conventish to dine with him at the former club, where he held him with wine and won from him at cards, at a single sitting, seven thousand pounds, (\$35,000). The Hanover Club held that Skipton's conduct was indefensible, and expelled him. The matter was then brought before the Naval and Military Clubs, which, in like manner, voted for his expulsion. Against the act of the latter Skipton appealed to the law. The master of the rolls, before whom the case was tried, decided that the expulsion was warranted under the rules of the club, the complainant having first been heard in his own defense, and dismissed the case.

IT is much to be wished that county conventions would free themselves from the imputation upon them which have brought the system of conventions into disfavor. It is very easy to obtain an expression of popular wishes by giving the people fair opportunity for utterance through the primaries. It is equally easy to suppress that expression by practices familiar to old and wily politicians, and to prevent popular wish to better itself or individual ends. This latter is the invitation and opportunity for "independence," almost the only danger that threatens Democratic ascendancy in the State. We are not sure that the practice deserves the severe re-uke which it might receive through the exercise of independent of the return of radicals to power. The rights of the people and the purity of the conventions ought scrupulously to be protected and preserved. The contemptible, yet dangerous, oligarchy which assumes to shape the action of conventions and speak in the name of the people, when they act with assumed authority and speak with the voice of falsehood, make themselves responsible for consequences for which they, too, are swept away, unless it may be a despicable few are saved by abandoning the wreck in time and finding refuge on the other side.

IT has all along been accepted as a foregone conclusion that Grant would be the nominee of the Chicago Convention; and notwithstanding that seemed at one time to be so much the wish and purpose of the Republicans, rank and file, that they at least, regarded nomination and election as one and inseparable. A change has come over the scene. The faithful have become faint-hearted or rebellious. There is not even a "solid South" for Grant, and Pennsylvania which was wont to lead off for him in solid columns shows unmistakable signs of kicking in the traces, and to say the least, gives a divided vote in the convention. As a consequence, Democrats in some quarters manifest uneasiness. Grant was the opponent they asked for. It did seem so easy to defeat him, even against the loyalty, the corruption, or even the violence of the office holders and old party leaders; because it was so easy to refresh the popular memory with reminiscences of an eight years tenure of office, marked as no similar annals in American history with deeds and principles discreditable as well as disastrous to Republican Institutions; and recalling the part to erect an impassable barrier to the further march of ruin.

Failing to meet Grant in the field—a fear after all that not may be justified by events—these same Democrats approached a formidable, or rather invincible unity of the Republican party upon some other leader with fewer points of assault, or with greater claim upon popular confidence. It would be right hard to answer the question who of either that are named, Blaine or Sherman, is purer, better or more broadly available, except intellectually, than Grant. Blaine is not clean, Sherman is not clean, and they are both extra sectional, a characteristic hateful to the South, and becoming equally repulsive to a better informed or more calculating North.

There is nothing to be apprehended if the Democrats are fortunate in their own choice of a candidate; and it seems scarcely possible that they should go astray unless they make a fatal error of taking up one who is sure to lose the State absolutely. New York will not go for Tilden. Therefore the Convention should not entertain his name for a moment. Safety lies with either Seymour or Bayard, perhaps with Field; and perhaps also with some name not yet on the surface. But with either of those named, the Democrats need feel no uneasiness even if Grant shall be laid on the shelf, of which there is now a happy probability.

A remarkable scene occurred at a reading given at Louisville on Wednesday evening by Mary Scott-Siddons. The first part of the programme had just been concluded, the last feature of which was the recitation of "The Maudslayi." Mrs. Siddons appeared in costume, and the audience was much moved by her dramatic display. Suddenly a young woman, pushing past the door-keeper, ran down the main aisle, leaped upon the stage and, rushing to Mrs. Siddons, attacked her savagely. The woman had a dog in her arms and a colored man followed her. Persons interfered and prevented any injury to Mrs. Siddons, who explained that the young woman was a devoted person, who had escaped from her custodian. Great excitement was produced in the audience by the occurrence.

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